

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 18, 2023 – 6:30pm – 8:30 pm Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Cindy, Barry, Steve, Heidi, Lisa, Dayle, David, George, Vishal, Peter B., Sonia M., Wayne, Tyron, Jasdeep, Al G., Upamali, Parveen

Meeting started: 6:32pm

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[September Meeting Minutes](#)

Steve moved to approve after noting that newspaper hitching posts needs to be amended.

Brampton City Update

1. Discussion regarding the Charolais Bike Lane Ward 3,4 Town Hall

- a. Means a lot to staff that BikeBrampton members were there to support.
- b. Staff did a great job of handling resident objections and presenting StreetLight data.
- c. Good on Councillors for inviting staff.
- d. [Barry's video](#) was also acknowledged.
- e. those opposed to bike lanes did not acknowledge that bike lane presence improved road travel times, congestion, cycling traffic and vehicle speed, all positively. Four people spoke against the bike lanes, vs. one (Tracy) who spoke in favour of the bike lane.
- f. Noted: Tracy's comments in favour of the bike lanes were eloquent,
 - i. She uses the bike lanes regularly for work and play, and she sometimes drives as well.
- g. Noted that Charolais has no driveways so is ideal for bike lane configuration.
- h. Concern that Councillors may request removal of bike lane infrastructure from the ATMP. Precedent set with Conestoga. Death by a thousand cuts. BikeBrampton needs to continue its advocacy.

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- i. One resident said cyclists should be licensed which has been shown to be a bad idea:
 - i. Cost more than revenue generated,
 - ii. Discourages cycling,
 - iii. Difficult to enforce, especially with younger cyclists,
 - iv. Cyclists subsidize car drivers because their cost per mile is a lot lower, Bikenomics,
 - v. Drivers need training to stay out of the bike lanes when making RH turns. Driving schools not teaching about how motorists and cyclists should share the road. Cindy attempted contact New Method and got no reply.
 - vi. Concern about immigrants getting easy access to drivers license without exam, (not sure if this is true)
 - vii. Streetlight data is expensive but seems very worthwhile to justify infrastructure investments.
 - j. **Actions:**
 - i. **Lisa to prepare rebuttals of the most common negative comments about bike lanes that can act as a training primer for staff and Council in future discussions.**
 - ii. **David asked if all Town Hall attendees could send a note to Councillors Keenan and Medeiros, copy CityClerksOffice in support of the bike lanes to balance those against the bike lanes,**
 - iii. **David to contact driving schools as Chair of BikeBrampton and see if there is a response.**
 - iv. **Dayle to write blog post about Streetlight data: [Charolais Bike Lanes](#)**
 - v. **City staff to present about StreetLight data at next ATAC meeting.**
 - vi. **David, Dayle, Lisa, Steve to meet with Commissioner Ganesh regarding implications of Councillors requesting removal of bike lane infrastructure from the AT plan.**
2. **Bike Lane update** – Lisa, Cindy, Steve

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- a. Steve reported curb cut on the Ching trail @ Cloverdale
- b. Eastbourne bike lane, paint has faded even though it was repainted 3 weeks ago
- 3. **Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)** – Lisa, Steve
 - a. Kevin Minaker from Traffic Ops attended,
 - b. Steve gave a presentation on safe intersections.
 - c. Discussion about Brampton’s non-conforming approach to bike head signal timing. Kevin agreed to look at data from other communities.
 - d. Steve requested the City engage ATAC in discussions as the OBRY trail is designed. Lisa indicated there are funds in the 2024 budget to hire a trail design consultant.
- 4. **Meeting with Commissioner of Community Services** –
 - a. David indicated a meeting with Commissioner Boyes is scheduled for November,
 - b. Discuss cycling education programs and suggestions for additions to recreation facilities to encourage safe cycling. Like a mini Safety Village. Peel Safety Village is apparently underused and not effective at training a large volume of kids. Kids need to be bussed in. Challenging to book. Facilities at Rec centres could be linked to neighbourhood schools, potentially reaching many more children. Lisa indicated only 1 of her 4 children attended the Peel Safety Village
 - c. Also discuss continued AT programming as ROP winds down. Build into city budget for 2025.
 - d. Also discuss making more efficient use of volunteer resources in the city. Coordinated approach to environmental stewardship and AT safety and encouragement. City could contract with Brampton Bike Hub or BEA to provide services.
- 5. Discussion about building a bridge to connect ECT with Power Aid Ctr. At one point money was allocated. ~\$130K. Steve indicated new cricket stadium being built would increase demand for bridge.

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Regional Update

1. **Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub –**
 - a. Sonia – is working on the interim report and the Community Benefits report. Program results so far: 22 mentors, 706 Bike Hub registered members, 65 What's App riders, 875 volunteer hours and, 1,135 riders on social and community rides.
 - b. Announced Halloween and Diwali Glo Rides on Oct 28 and Nov 11 respectively. Councillor Toor will attend the latter ride.
 - c. **Sonia requests mentors to send her texts with rider counts,**
 - d. Continuing to run Saturday morning rides.
 - e. BikeBrampton will attend the Rose Theatre Symphony for Autumn Brilliance table,
 - f. **Different Spokes will be closed for the month of December.**
 - g. Discussion about Different Spokes repairing e-bikes. Growing demand. People need for livelihood. Sonia indicated servicing e-bikes is not practical due to cost and lack of parts standardization.
 - h. **Different Spokes party on Nov 18 to recognize volunteers and celebrate first anniversary.**
 - i. Jasdeep organized bike volunteers for tree planting events using What's App.

BikeBrampton Projects

1. **Bike Parking Update –**
 - a. Steve reported he is continuing to connect with three locations for better bike parking and has involved the manager at CAA
 - b. Steve will investigate lack of parking at Brampton Mall
 - c. E-scooters still a problem in taking up valuable bike parking space even though they are not supposed to fill more than 50% of the spaces.
 - d. **Action: Lisa to request e-scooter update for December ATAC meeting. She believes the scooter pilot is a benefit for increasing visibility for the need for bike infrastructure. But we need more data and better training so e-scooters use bike lanes rather than the sidewalk.**

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- e. Barry reported Kitchener GO line now has 2 cars dedicated to bike parking, (18 bikes each car). Barry also experienced full bus bike racks on Torbram 14 bus.
- f. **Action: Lisa to ask Brampton transit to attend ATAC to present capacity statistics**
- g. David reported that he and Dayle have paid for BikeBrampton continued membership in Velo Canada Bikes as it provides useful data and studies and gives Brampton positive visibility.

Caledon Update

1. Wayne

- a. reported Caledon senior staff position turn overs
- b. Two new bike repair stands have been installed at Mt Wolfe and Inglewood
- c. OBRY Orangeville contractor took the steel rails but left the ties behind, creating an extra expense.

EVENTS:

Rose Orchestra Autumn Brilliance

Sat Oct 21st concert – BikeBrampton table in lobby

Different Spokes Rides & Workshops

BikeWrX Workshops, Different Spokes: [Registration to attend free events](#)

Spooktacular Kids Bike Giveaway, Raffle, Glow Rides & Party – Sat Oct 28th 10-1pm – let Sonia know if you can volunteer

Halloween Glow Ride – Sat Oct 28th 7pm

Diwali Glow Ride – Sat Nov 11th 7pm

Different Spokes 1st Anniversary Party – Sat Nov 18th 5pm

[Bike the Creek](#)

Save the date for 10th anniversary: June 8, 2024 [2023 blog post](#)

Adjourn

Next meeting Nov 22, 2023 – 6:30-8:00pm